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Committee Bill No. 557

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OF "ANTIQUE" MOTOR
VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES ON "MODIFIED" ANTIQUE MOTOR
VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue
4 special number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor
5 vehicles, including antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles that
6 have been modified, such special number plates to be issued on a
7 permanent basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates
8 which shall cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of [an]
9 such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may use such
10 owner's own porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by
11 the commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the
12 department, and (2) such owner files with the commissioner a
13 description and the number of such plate and any additional
14 information the commissioner may require.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
 16 section 14-18 and section 14-21b, the owner of [an] such antique, rare
 17 or special interest motor vehicle may be authorized by the
 18 commissioner to display a number plate originally issued by the
 19 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of
 20 manufacture of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. The
 21 commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration, as provided in
 22 section 14-12. Such registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as
 23 long as the commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number
 24 and number plates, if any, which were assigned to such motor vehicle
 25 before such registration and number plates were issued under this
 26 section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use
 27 by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the
 28 rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or
 29 operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each
 30 such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration,
 31 unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of
 32 the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such
 33 motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and
 34 numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may
 35 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
 36 provisions of this [subsection] section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	14-20
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow owners of modified antique motor vehicles to use, retain and display antique motor vehicle number plates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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